

SECRET TELEPOUCH

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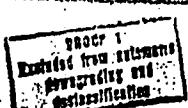
1. COMMENTING ON CURRENT SATE OF WEST GERMAN PRESS  
ARTICLES IN REGARD UTILITY'S POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR, ON 16 AUGUST  
ALIAS KUEHNE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS -

A. NO FIRM DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE -  
B. WORD ON TOP AUSWERTUNG LEVEL IS THAT CHANCELLOR  
KIESINGER, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO WASHINGTON, LET IT BE  
KNOWN THAT NO DECISION LIKELY BE MADE BEFORE 4-6  
WEEKS -

C. KIESINGER PLANS USE CURRENT TRIP TO TALK TO  
GENERAL WESSEL IN WASHINGTON REGARDING POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT -  
D. AMBASSADOR SCHNIPPERKETTER APPEARS TO BE THE  
TOP CIVILIAN IN THE RUNNING -

~~REGARDING  
POSSIBILITY  
SPLIT~~ <sup>Swidbert</sup> E. REGARDING POSSIBILITY THAT ~~ADMIRAL~~ <sup>ZR</sup> POSER TAKE  
~~UTILITY'S~~ <sup>FOR UTILITY'S POSITION</sup> TAKEOVER NUMBER ONE SLOT / THIS CARRIED IN FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE,  
16 AUGUST / ~~@~~ KUEHNE SNORTED DISPARAGINGLY AND SAID "YOU CAN  
BE ASURED HE WILL NEVER GET IT" >

F. WHILE OUTSIDERS CLEARLY HAVE BEST CHANCE, IN-  
~~SIDE MAN ALIAS WENDT~~ <sup>ZR</sup> STILL IN THE RUNNING AND IN "SOME" <sup>MIS: OVER</sup>  
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WAYS' BEST MAN FOR THE JOB, ALTHOUGH "HANDICAPPED" BY  
LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE DEPTH AND EXPERIENCE, ACCORDING TO *@ KUEHNE*

2.  COMMENT. KUEHNE SEEMED RATHER RELAXED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF GENERAL WESSEL TAKING COMMAND, BUT EXPRESSED LOW KEY UNCERTAINTY IF AMBASSADOR SCHNIPPERKOETTER WOULD BE THE PROPER MAN. THIS CONNECTION, HIS VIEWS ON MATTER NO DOUBT SHARPLY COLORED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF HIS OWN FUTURE. ALIASDEGENHARDT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RETIRE BY SUMMER OF 1969 - NOT LONG AFTER PROBABLE REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY - AND KUEHNE ASPIRES TO TAKE OVER FULL COMMAND OF AUSWERTUNG. THIS CONNECTION, AND GIVEN CLOSE PERSONAL TIES BETWEEN KUEHNE AND WENDT, CLEAR KUEHNE BE MOST COMFORTABLE IF WENDT TOOK OVER. CONVERSELY, AND GIVEN BACKGROUND OF SOME PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN KUEHNE AND POSER, A POSER ASSIGNMENT WOULD FACE KUEHNE WITH REAL PROBLEMS.

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